

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the previous Abstract with the following new Abstract:

A lifting body for an airship includes a gas-tight skin and at least one node element. A first node element of the at least one node element is attached to a nose region of the lifting body and a second node element of the at least one node element is attached to a rear region of the lifting body. The lifting body further includes at least one compression member disposed on and connected to the gas-tight skin. Opposite ends of the at least one compression member is anchored in the first and second node elements. The lifting body includes at least two tensile bands disposed relative to each of the at least one compression member, the at least two tensile bands running in opposite spiral directions around the gas-tight skin. The nose and rear regions of the lifting body are non-symmetrical.